

# VOTER GUIDE

Kansas State University  
Emporia State University



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students for students



We are the

# KANSAS STUDENT POWER NETWORK

Hello and welcome to the **KSPN!** Midterm elections this year have huge implications for higher education in the state. As such, it's incredibly important we turn out a strong, unified, & informed student voice at the polls. We've created and customized this guide to YOUR campus for that exact purpose – **SO YOU CAN CONSCIOUSLY CHOOSE WHO YOU WANT TO SUPPORT.**

We stand for

# ACADEMIC FREEDOM & INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY

*“Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good, [which] depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to both teaching and research.”*

-American Association of University Professors

 **KOCH-FREE**

**KOCH FUNDED**

Candidates are labeled “Koch-Free” or “Koch-Funded” because the Kochs’ influence in politics is reinforced by their presence in higher education, and vice versa. They have donated over \$50 million to 254 universities across the nation, including **EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY, WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, WASHBURN UNIVERSITY, & WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY.**

There is mounting evidence that their donations to universities come with strings attached, lending them inappropriate controls that bias curriculum and research. Said research is often translated into policy, which can (and appears to have) result(ed) a greater dependence on private donors for universities, making them more inclined to be lenient when agreeing to certain restrictions donors place on donations. You'll see here that when the Kochs fund a candidate, it's likely they are that candidate's top contributor.

**We, as students, expect EDUCATION, NOT INDOCTRINATION. We deserve AN UNBIASED LEARNING SPACE. We, as citizens, expect universities to produce OBJECTIVE, HONEST RESEARCH, not lend false academic credentials to specific ideologies or agendas.**

## **BI-PARTISAN CONCERNS**

Nowhere in this guide will you find an appreciation or critique of the Kochs' political beliefs, agenda, or ideology. KSPN is committed to advocating for students **REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITION ON THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM.**

Ensuring an unbiased academic environment is in the interest of liberals and conservatives, alike.

That being said, we recognize that we have only endorsed candidates who are running as Democrats or Independents. Regretfully, there is not a candidate who is running on the Republican ticket who has not received Koch funding. Consequently, we fear they won't have the freedom to advocate for students, rather, they'll passively permit the Kochs' grip on our universities.

## **IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS**

### **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)**

A popular term for a political committee organized for the purpose of raising and spending money to elect and defeat candidates. Most PACs represent business, labor or ideological interests.

### **ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

Scholars should have freedom to teach or communicate ideas or facts, including those that are inconvenient to external political groups or to authorities.

### **INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY**

A standard for researchers and instructors that prevents abuses of academic freedom such as indoctrinating students or publishing propagandistic or fraudulent material as truth.

GOVERNOR



PAUL DAVIS<sup>(D)</sup>  
JILL DOCKING

ISSUES

Increased Education Funding	✓
Restrictions on campaign donations	✓
Renewable energy & climate change policy	✓
Gay Marriage	✓ Historically opposed, but supportive of civil unions
Raise Minimum Wage	✓
Decriminalize or Legalize Marijuana	✓ Supports medical marijuana

TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

- Kansas Contractors Association
- Altria Group
- National Education Association

✓ = SUPPORT

X = OPPOSE

? = UNKNOWN



KOCH FUNDED

# SAM BROWNBACK<sup>(R)</sup>

## JEFF COLYER

*Koch Industries has backed Brownback's entire political career and is his top donor.*

### ISSUES

Increased Education Funding	X	Funding to higher ed has gone down 23% since he took office
Restrictions on campaign donations	X	
Renewable energy & climate change policy	X	
Gay Marriage	X	
Raise Minimum Wage	X	
Decriminalize or Legalize Marijuana	X	

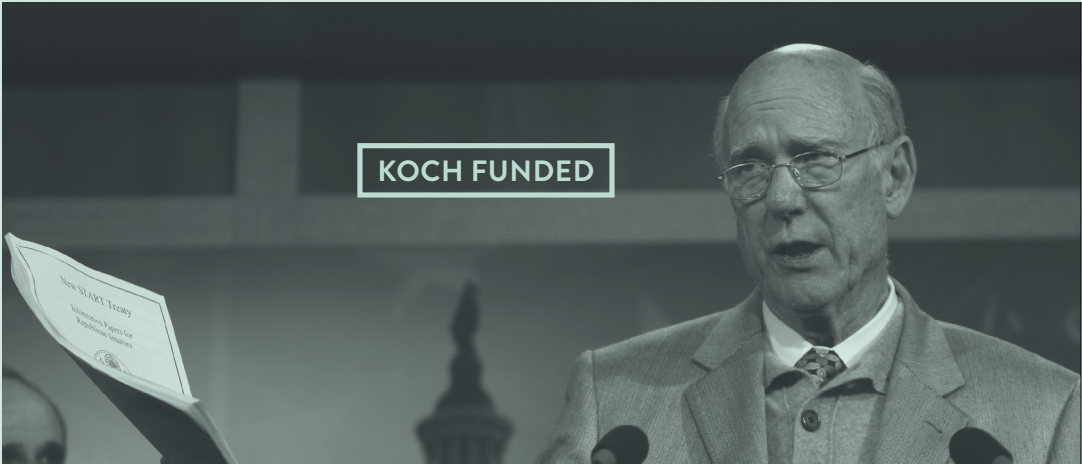
### TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

Koch Industries  
Berkshire Hathaway  
AT&T Inc.

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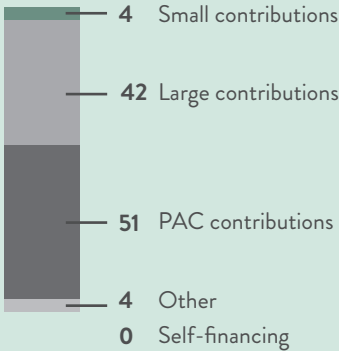


# PAT ROBERTS (R)

## FUNDING

Total Raised	\$4.7 mil
Spent	\$3.4 mil
Cash on Hand	\$1.5 mil

## FUNDERS (IN %)



## TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

Burns & McDonnell  
Koch Industries  
Votessane PAC

## ISSUES

Citizens United	✓
DISCLOSE Act	X
Raise Minimum Wage	X
Student Loan Reform	X
Gay Marriage	X
Renewable Energy & Climate Change Policy	X

## IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

**Citizens United** – allowing unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions

**DISCLOSE Act** – requires key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads

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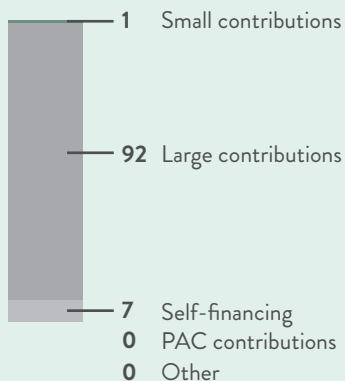
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# GREG ORMAN<sup>(1)</sup>

## FUNDING

Total Raised	\$670,678
Spent	\$309,085
Cash on Hand	\$361,592

## FUNDERS (IN %)



## TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

McKenzie & Co.  
AMC Entertainment  
Goodcents Franchise Systems

## ISSUES

<i>Citizens United</i>	X Strongly Opposed
DISCLOSE Act	✓ Strongly Supports
Raise Minimum Wage	✓
Student Loan Reform	? Supports capping tuition increases
Gay Marriage	✓ Govt should not prohibit gay marriage
Renewable Energy & Climate Change Policy	✓

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
DISTRICT 1 – YOUR DISTRICT!

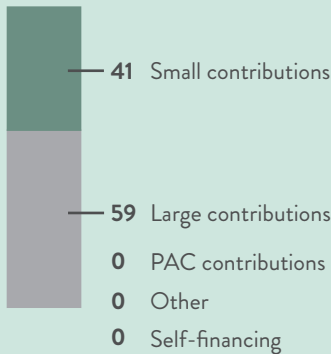


JIM E. SHEROW (D)

FUNDING

Total Raised | \$72,586

FUNDERS (IN %)





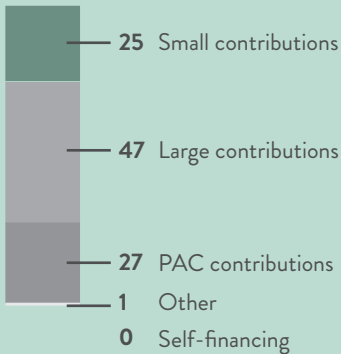
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# TIM HUELSKAMP (R)

## FUNDING

Total Raised \$665,380

### FUNDERS (IN %)



### TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

Koch Industries  
Russell Stover Candies  
Vess Oil Corp Citizens United  
American Freedom PAC  
National Association of Home Builders

# REMEMBER:

*undue corporate influence is  
not limited to the elections.  
We need to work together on  
this for the long-term.*

## ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES

### SECRETARY OF STATE

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↔ Jean Kurtis Schodorf (D) ↔  
Kris Kobach (R)

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

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↔ AJ Kotich (D) ↔  
Derek Schmidt (R)

### STATE TREASURER

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↔ Carmen Alldritt (D) ↔  
Ron Estes (R)

### COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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↔ Dennis Anderson (D) ↔  
Ken Selzer (R)



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CHANGE IN KANSAS.**

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**BRING THIS WITH YOU TO THE POLLS!**

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